IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Davydova et al.

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Polymerase

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 24, 2007

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Examiner Bertagna:

The present communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2007. A request for a three month extension of time is included herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No.: EPICEN-9587.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.